## MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION



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James Klahr Executive Director

October 26, 2015

Dean Plocher Friends of Diehl PO Box 16065 Clayton MO 63105

Re: File No. 15-0052-I

Dear Mr. Plocher:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Friends of Diehl at its October 23, 2015 meeting. The complaint alleged that Friends of Diehl made monetary contributions to another candidate committee, Newberry for Missouri, after Newberry for Missouri had already terminated.

The Commission investigation determined that Friends of Diehl made a clerical error when it reported the contributions to Newberry for Missouri. Friends of Diehl had actually made payments to a campaign worker, Jeff Newberry, but the payments were mistakenly reported as contributions for Newberry for Missouri in your committee's 30 Day After 2014 General Election Report. Friends of Diehl has amended its report to correctly reflect that payments were made to Jeff Newberry, not Newberry for Missouri.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director**